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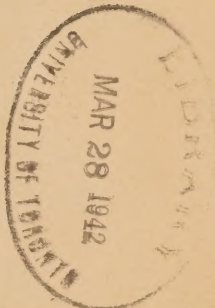
*Canada. National Committee for the Celebration
of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation*

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Diamond Jubilee of Confederation

Dominion Day, July 1, 1927



IN order to provide certain features which will in some measure bring home to all Canadians the significance of the sixtieth anniversary of the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces, the National Committee for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee suggests that action be taken as follows in all communities throughout Canada, on Dominion Day, July first, 1927.

1. At twelve o'clock noon, local time, in every community, bells to be rung, whistles blown, and, wherever possible, bands to play "God Save the King" and "O Canada".
2. At all Provincial and community celebrations, in addition to whatever other programme may be provided, the following messages to be read under the authority of the chairman or director of ceremonies.

Pres by Mrs John A. Macdonald

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*MESSAGE from His Excellency the Governor
General to the Canadian People :*

When first I landed on these shores as His Majesty's personal representative, in the first speech I made, I informed my hearers that I should take " co-operation " as my watchword during my life in this Dominion. That word is the message I give to the people of Canada to-day.

I ask one and all, whatever their origin or race, heartily to co-operate with a common understanding and purpose in all that pertains to the well-being of all: proud of and loyal to their citizenship of a great and growing nation.

And when on Sunday next we meet for our national thanksgiving, let us all unite in asking Divine Providence who has poured His blessings on us in the past, to give us His guidance in the future that we may prove worthy of the wonderful heritage that has been handed down to us and of the great destiny that lies before us.

Wilkinson



Resolution of the Parliament of Canada

passed on the 14th day of April, 1927

RESOLVED that as Canada is approaching the Sixtieth Anniversary of her founding as a Dominion, the Parliament of Canada place on record its deep appreciation of the achievements of the Fathers of Confederation, and with united voice express its faith and confidence in the future of this our country and its development as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, owing allegiance to His Majesty the King.

It is the earnest wish of Parliament that the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, for which plans are now being rapidly matured, shall commemorate appropriately and enthusiastically the accomplishment of Confederation and the subsequent progress of the Dominion. We trust that this commemoration will lend added inspiration to the patriotic fervour of our people, and afford a clearer vision of our aspirations and ideals, to the end that from sea to sea there may be developed a robust Canadian spirit, and in all things Canadian a profounder national unity.

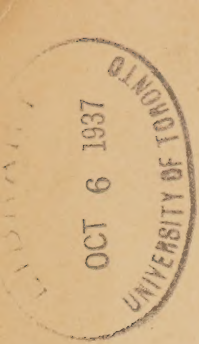


*MESSAGE from the Prime Minister to
the People of Canada :*

The Dominion of Canada as it came into being on July 1st, 1867, was the outcome of an endeavour by men of diverse temperaments, racial origins, religious and political faiths, to serve the ideal of nationhood. The union of Upper and Lower Canada with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which formed the Canada of the Fathers of Confederation, was but the first-fruits of this endeavour. As one by one other provinces became part of the Dominion—Manitoba in 1870, British Columbia in 1871 and Prince Edward Island in 1873—the same spirit of unity, the same ideal of nationhood were manifest, until in 1905 Saskatchewan and Alberta, newly created out of the territories of the middle West, brought to completion the federation of provinces from sea to sea. The vast territories and the silent spaces that sweep northward into the unknown speak more eloquently than words of boundaries still undefined in a land that is limitless in its possibilities of further development and growth.

Such is the Canada we now know, just sixty years from the day of its birth! The Diamond Jubilee of Confederation is the occasion of national rejoicing at the peace and plenty, the progress and prosperity that a united Canada to-day enjoys; it is the occasion, too, of national thanksgiving for the spirit of unity bequeathed to us by the Fathers of Confederation. This spirit of unity, the secret of expansion in our national life, it is our highest duty as well as privilege ever fervently to maintain.

W. L. Mackenzie King.



"O Canada"

Paroles de Routhier.

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
 Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
 Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protègera nos foyers et nos droits,
Protègera nos foyers et nos droits.

Words by Weir.

O Canada! Our home, and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!